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GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES

Scheme of Austria

Amendment

The Secretary-General of UNCTAD has received the following communication from the Permanent Mission of Austria regarding the validity of, and changes and improvements made to, that country's scheme of generalized preferences:

"... has the honour to inform the Secretary General of UNCTAD of the following changes in the GSP system of Austria.

The validity of the GSP scheme of Austria has been extended for another two years (until 31 December 1994).

The following other changes in the scheme are herewith notified:

- With effect from 1 July 1992, the Republic of Estonia, the Republic of Latvia and the Republic of Lithuania have been included in the list of preference-receiving countries (Group I).

- With effect from 1 January 1993, the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic have been separately included in the list of preference-receiving countries (Group I). As a consequence of the already applied free trade agreement between these two countries and the EFTA States they will be eliminated from the list of beneficiaries with effect from 1 June 1993.

- With effect from 1 March 1993, the product coverage of HS number 0904 in the list of agricultural products which are eligible for preferential treatment has been extended by including sweet pepper in immediate packings of a content exceeding 1 kg (HS subheading No. 0104 20 A 1 b 2).

- With effect from 1 April 1993, the Republic of Armenia, the Azerbaijani Republic, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Georgia, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Republic of Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, the Ukraine and the Republic of Uzbekistan are included in the list of preference-receiving countries (Group I).

- With effect from 1 April 1993, Turkey is eliminated from the list of beneficiaries as a consequence of the already applied free trade agreement between the EFTA States and Turkey.

- With effect from 1 July 1993, Israel will be eliminated from the list of beneficiaries as a consequence of the already applied free trade agreement between the EFTA-States and Israel.

The new list of preference-receiving countries under the Austrian scheme as applied from 1 April 1994 is attached for information. It should be noted that the former SFR Yugoslavia, which had ceased to exist, is no more included in this list. 1/"

1/ See Annex.

ANNEX

Beneficiary countries

(States, territories or parts of territories)

GROUP I

Albania
Algeria
Angola
Anguilla
Antigua and Barbuda
Argentina
Armenia
Azerbaijan
Bahamas
Bahrain
Barbados
Belarus
Belize
Bolivia
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Brazil
Brunei Darussalam
Bulgaria
Cameroon
Chile
China
Colombia
Congo
Costa Rica
Côte d'Ivoire
Croatia
Cuba
Cyprus
Czech Republic 1/
Dominica
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Estonia
Fiji
Gabon
Georgia
Ghana
Grenada
Guatemala
Guyana
Honduras
Hungary
India
Indonesia
Iran, Islamic Republic of
Iraq
Israel 2/
Jamaica
Jordan
Kazakhstan
Kenya
Korea, Democratic People's Republic of
Korea, Republic of
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan
Latvia
Lebanon
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Lithuania
Macedonia
Malaysia
Malta
Marshall Islands
Mauritius
Mexico
Micronesia
Moldova
Mongolia
Morocco
Namibia
Nauru
Nicaragua
Nigeria
Oman
Pakistan
Panama
Papua New Guinea
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Qatar
Romania
Russian Federation
Saint Kitts and Nevis
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Saudi Arabia

Senegal
Seychelles
Singapore
Slovak Republic 1/
Slovenia
Sri Lanka
Suriname
Swaziland
Syrian Arab Republic
Taiwan, Province of China
Tajikistan
Thailand
Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkmenistan
Ukraine
United Arab Emirates
Uruguay
Uzbekistan
Venezuala
Viet Nam
Zimbabwe

Occupied Palestinian Territories

Dependent territories of the Republic of France:
French Polynesia
Mayotte
New Caledonia
Saint Pierre and Miquelon
Wallis and Futuna

Dependent territories of New Zealand:
Cook Islands
Niue
Tokelau Islands

Dependent territories of the Kingdom of the Netherlands:
Aruba
Netherlands Antilles

Dependent territories of Portugal:
Macao

Dependent territories of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:
Bermuda
British Indian Ocean Territory
Cayman Islands
Falkland Islands (Malvinas) and Dependencies
Gibraltar
Hong Kong*
Montserrat
Pitcairn
Saint Helena and Dependencies
Turks and Caicos Islands
Virgin Islands (British)

Dependent territories of the United States of America:
American Samoa
Guam
Midway, Swains and Wake Islands, Johnston and Sand Islands
Palau
Virgin Islands (United States)

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* In the cases of imports of goods falling into Chapters 50 to 64 of the Customs tariff, originating in Hong Kong, the preferential tariff rates shall not apply.

1/ Deletion with effect from 1 June 1993.

2/ Deletion with effect from 1 July 1993.

GROUP II

(Least developed countries)

Afghanistan
Bangladesh
Benin
Bhutan
Botswana
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cambodia
Cape Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
Comoros
Djibouti
Equatorial Guinea
Ethiopia
Gambia
Guinea
Guinea-Bissau
Haiti
Kiribati
Lao People's Democratic Republic
Lesotho
Liberia
Madagascar
Malawi
Maldives
Mali
Mauritania
Mozambique
Myanmar
Nepal
Niger
Rwanda
Samoa
Sao Tome and Principe
Sierra Leone
Solomon Islands
Somalia
Sudan
Togo
Tuvalu
Uganda
United Republic of Tanzania
Vanuatu
Yemen
Zaire
Zambia